THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The scarcity of Health Human Resources is acknowledged to be one of the most critical bottlenecks in improving access to quality health services especially in remote rural areas.

The Framework for implementation of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) provides for regulation of Private Service providers for improving access of health services. Engaging with unskilled service providers is part of this approved strategy. For improving the availability of services in areas which are located far away from the Sub-centre, engagements with Trained Birth Attendants as well as Trained and accredited RMPs has been approved under NRHM. The Task Group on Identification, Training and Accreditation of Rural Medical Providers which was constituted under the NRHM to examine this subject has already Finalized its report.

Shortage of dialysis machines in hospitals

653. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that even the Hon'ble High Court expressed deep concern over the shortage of dialysis machines in the hospitals of the capital;

(b) if so, what is the number of shortage of the machines, hospital-wise;

(c) whether Government is taking any immediate steps to remove the shortage along with necessary funds therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the published studies available, the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) prevalence is estimated at about 0.8% in the population in India. All cases of CKD do not require dialysis. No assessment has been made regarding the patient requiring dialysis facilities in Delhi. The demand of dialysis machines as raised by Medical Superintendents of the Central Government Hospitals is based on the availability of manpower and infrastructure. The same is as follows:-

Hospital/Institute	Addl. Requirement of dialysis machines
Safdarjang Hospital	05
Dr. RML Hospital	07
A.I.I.M.S.	30 Subject to availability of space.

Health care delivery in the NCT Delhi is provided by various agencies, *i.e.*, Govt. of NCT Delhi, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council, Employees State Insurance Corporation and Central Government Hospitals besides the private sector hospitals.

(c) and (d) Expansion of various departments and procurement of new equipments including dialysis machines to improve the existing facilities of the hospitals is an ongoing process and the same are undertaken routinely.